

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims as now amended make clear that the straight locking latch of the invention engages a side of the slot, and locks the cross beam to the main beam, when the connector is stabbed through the slot.

Beynon '363 does not lock his cross beam to a main beam with his barbs 19 and 19a, but rather locks his cross beams together with such barbs. (See attachment A.)

In the present invention, in engaging the side of the slot as the connector is stabbed through the slot, substantial forces are created, as set forth at length in the disclosure. No such forces are created in Beynon, since he is interlocking his barbs 19 and 19a without the barbs engaging the side of the slot.

In the present invention, the applicants disclose that by pivoting the straight locking latch at a bend in the form of an arc, the resistance forces, as the connector is being stabbed through the slot, are substantially reduced.

The barbs 19 and 19a of Beynon extend at an acute angle bend, and there is nothing in his disclosure that would suggest a bend in the form of an arc. There is no need in Beynon to reduce any substantial force created in making his connection, since his barbs 19 and 19a do not engage the side of the slot in the main beam, but merely engage at locking shoulders 20 and 20a on barbs 19 and 19a, to connect his cross beams together.


Hence, there is nothing in Beynon that discloses or suggests, the present invention, as now defined in the amended claims.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and early allowance of the claims.

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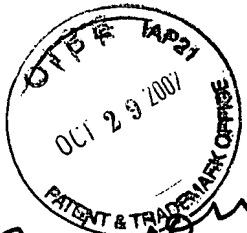
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Attachment A

